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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CG Docket No. 05-231

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 17, 2007, Diane Burstein (Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, National Cable & Telecommunications Association) and Jill Luckett (Senior Vice President, Program Network Policy, National Cable & Telecommunications Association) met with Cathy Seidel, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau; Jay Keithley, Deputy Bureau Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau; Thomas Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office; and G. Patrick Webre, Legal Advisor to the Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau. NCTA discussed the cable industry's implementation of the FCC's digital captioning requirements. During our meeting, NCTA also discussed its written comments in the above-captioned proceeding.

Consistent with those comments, NCTA explained how the cable industry is complying with the captioning rules and is committed to serving its deaf and hard of hearing customers with high quality captions. NCTA, however, urged the Commission to refrain from imposing new closed captioning rules and reporting obligations. NCTA also explained that local cable news operations rely on electronic newsroom captioning to provide captioned material, and that a real-time captioning obligation would impose significant new burdens on those operations.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Diane B. Burstein

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cc: Cathy Seidel
Jay Keithley
Thomas Chandler
G. Patrick Webre